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STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Stratford Town Council will conduct a regularly scheduled meeting on July 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT.

PUBLIC FORUM WILL BEGIN AT 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES — Regular meeting June 13, 2022 and special meeting June 29, 2022

RESOLVED: that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 2022 and special meeting July 29, 2022 be dispensed with as copies thereof have been previously provided to each Council Member and the same be and are hereby approved.

2. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

3. COMMUNICATIONS, BILLS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES

3.1 Council Chairman appointments (for information only)

- Tom Fahy reappointed to the Inlands Wetlands Commission with a term that expires May 31, 2026.
- Joseph Koripsky appointed as a Conservation Commission representative to the Inland Wetlands Commission with a term that expires May 31, 2026.

3.2 Summary of Grants

4. MAYOR'S REPORT, QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR, TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

4.1 MAYOR'S REPORT

4.2 QUESTIONS FOR THE MAYOR

4.3 TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS and/or OLD BUSINESS****6. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**6.1 ORDINANCES6.2 RESOLUTIONS**6.2.1 RESOLUTION REGARDING A CT DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU GRANT TO FUND THE LOCAL YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU**

Executive Summary: Funded as Local Youth Service Bureau, Community Services coordinates a comprehensive youth service network and provides outpatient therapy, a Juvenile Review Board, positive youth development programs, and community education.

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WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Children and Families is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible from the Youth Service Bureau Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford expends funds to operate and support the Local Youth Service Bureau; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford enter into an agreement with the Connecticut Department of Children and Families in the amount of \$54,804 requiring \$34,668 in Town Match funds;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's grant application to the Connecticut Department of Children and Families for funds to operate and support the Local Youth Service Bureau, and,

2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, Laura R. Hoydick, or her designee to execute and deliver such grant application (including any amendments thereto) and/or any and all related documents necessary to apply for and obtain funding from the Connecticut Department of Children and Families, and to implement the program once the award is secured in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Stratford.

6.2.2 RESOLUTION REGARDING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANT TO SUPPORT STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PURCHASE OF BULLETPROOF VESTS

Executive Summary: Stratford Police will be acquiring 33 bulletproof vests as part of its routine replacement program for a total cost of \$26,829. The program has started to cover vests for recruits in the Academy too. The DOJ Bulletproof Vest Partnership covers half the cost, and the Town covers the other half.

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible from the DOJ Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford expends funds to purchase bulletproof vests to outfit its police officers; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice Bulletproof Vest Partnership in the amount of \$13,414.50 requiring \$13,414.50 in Town Match funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for funds to purchase bulletproof vests, and,
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, Laura R. Hoydick, or her designee to execute and deliver such grant application (including any amendments thereto) and/or any and all related documents necessary to apply for and obtain funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, and to implement the program once the award is secured in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Stratford.

6.2.3 RESOLUTION REGARDING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) GRANT TO SUPPORT STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POLICE ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM TRAINING FOR OTHER POLICE AGENCIES IN CONNECTICUT

Executive Summary: Stratford Police Department proposes a Police Engagement Program Workshop Series whereby our Police Engagement Program (PEP) leadership team of four sworn officers and one civilian would teach Stratford Police Department's curriculum of community engagement, de-escalation and crime prevention to sworn officers at 10 other police agencies in Connecticut. The project includes acquiring and utilizing a custom-developed Virtual Reality program to maximize training effectiveness.

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible from the Community Policing Development FY22 Microgrants Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford expends funds to train police officers within its own department and officers of other police agencies; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services in the amount of \$217,848 requiring \$0 in Town Matching funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for funds to train police officers of other agencies in its Police Engagement Program, and,
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, Laura R. Hoydick, or her designee to execute and deliver such grant application (including any amendments thereto) and/or any and all related documents necessary to apply for and obtain funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, and to implement the program once the award is secured in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Stratford.

6.2.4 RESOLUTION REGARDING A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS) GRANT FOR CONTRACTING WITH A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FIRM TO PROVIDE A SOCIAL WORKER FULL-TIME AT STRATFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO SERVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE IN NEED OF SUCH SERVICES AND TO PROVIDE CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR STRATFORD POLICE.

Executive Summary: This project is a Stratford Police Department and Stratford Community Services Department collaboration. Stratford Police would contract with a behavioral health services company that would provide a licensed clinical social worker, or similar professional, to work full-time at SPD. That person would respond promptly to persons in the community who are in a behavioral health crisis, become engaged with police and risk the safety of themselves, police and others. Further, the grant provides for six SPD sergeants to be trained in Crisis Intervention Team.

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice is authorized to extend financial assistance to municipalities in the form of grants; and,

WHEREAS, this funding has been made possible from the Community Policing Development FY22 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams program; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Stratford expends funds to provide social worker services to members of the community and expends funds to train police personnel; and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that the Town of Stratford enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services in the amount of \$351,337 requiring \$0 in Town Matching funds.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF STRATFORD:

1. That it is cognizant of the Town's grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for funds to provide social worker services to the community and to train police personnel, and,
2. That it hereby authorizes, directs and empowers the Mayor, Laura R. Hoydick, or her designee to execute and deliver such grant application (including any amendments thereto) and/or any and all related documents necessary to apply for and obtain funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, and to implement the program once the award is secured in the name of and on behalf of the Town of Stratford.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 To consider and act upon a request of the Beautification Committee of the Stratford Town Council to be made a codified body.

7.2 To consider and act upon authorizing the Mayor to explore the potential use of the Morgan Francis property (576 East Broadway) as open space.

7.3 To consider and act upon the Favorable Recommendation of the Planning Commission for the potential sale of parcel 4009050008 (1000 East Broadway) pursuant to the 8-24 Review. (Presentations/Proposals can be found here: <https://www.stratfordct.gov/qcontent/NewsFeed.aspx?FeedID=3088>)

7.4 Purchase of Sikorsky Memorial Airport – Executive session requested

8. ADJOURNMENT